

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
 Yutaka IMAMURA et al.
 Serial No: 10/040,177
 Filed: November 6, 2001
 For: LASER OUTPUT CIRCUIT FOR OPTICAL DISK
 RECORDING APPARATUS

Art Unit: 2652
 Examiner: Peter Vincent Agustin

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
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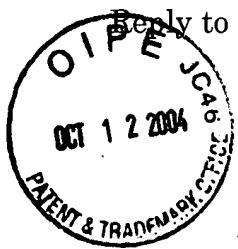
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Respectfully submitted,
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 18, 2004, please enter and consider
the following Remarks/Arguments:

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of
this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.